

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1-26. (Canceled)
27. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition consisting of granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and placental growth factor (PIGF) as the active ingredient, in combination with suitable excipients and/or adjuvants, wherein said composition is able to mobilize peripheral blood progenitor cells (PBPCs), thereby increasing the number of circulating white blood cells, circulating colony forming blood cells or of circulating long term colony initiating blood cells.
28. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 27 containing recombinant hGCSF and recombinant hPIGF.
29. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 27 formulated for parenteral administration.
30. (Previously Presented) A method for increasing the number of circulating white blood cells, circulating colony forming blood cells or of circulating long term colony initiating blood cells, consisting of administering either separately or simultaneously to a patient having undergone a procedure selected from the group consisting of: tumor chemo-radio therapy, autologous stem cells transplantation, allogeneic stem cells transplantation and myelosuppressive chemo-therapy an effective amount of both granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and placental growth factor (PIGF) in combination with suitable excipients and/or adjuvants.
31. (Canceled)
32. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 30, wherein said granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and placental growth factor (PIGF) are administered separately or simultaneously by a parenteral route.

33. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 30 consisting of administering either simultaneously or separately from 10 to 150 $\mu\text{g/kg}$ of said granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and from 10 to 300 $\mu\text{g/kg}$ of said placental growth factor (PIGF) in combination with suitable excipients and/or adjuvants.
34. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 30 consisting of administering simultaneously said granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and said placental growth factor (PIGF) in combination with suitable excipients and/or adjuvants.
35. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The method according to claim 34~~ A method for increasing the number of circulating white blood cells, circulating colony forming blood cells or of circulating long term colony initiating blood cells, consisting of administering either separately or simultaneously to a patient having undergone a procedure selected from the group consisting of: tumor chemo-radio therapy, autologous stem cells transplantation, allogeneic stem cells transplantation and myelosuppressive chemo-therapy consisting of administering a pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of: granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and placental growth factor (PIGF) as the active ingredients, in combination with suitable excipients and/or adjuvants.
36. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 30, wherein said colony stimulating factor (GCSF) and placental growth factor (PIGF) are administered either sequentially or separately daily.
37. **(New)** The method according to claim 30 wherein said administration is daily for at least 5 days.